ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

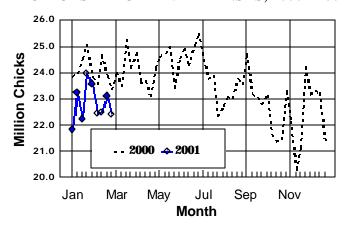
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 22.4 million during the week ending March 3, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 3 percent below the previous week, and included 2.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 3, 2001 were 205.4 million, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.5 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but 1 percent above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.4 percent.

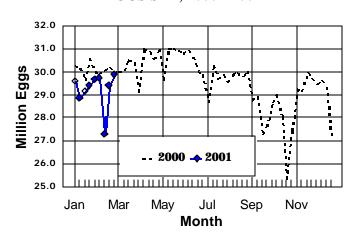
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 3, 2001, slightly below the same period last year, but 2 percent above the previous week.

	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICK	KS HATCI	HED	EGGS SET			
Week Ending	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	
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Jan. 27	23,841	24,001	101	25,051	24,010	96	29,971	29,413	98	
Feb. 3	23,588	23,584	100	24,709	23,577	95	29,942	29,702	99	
Feb. 10	24,678	22,457	91	25,350	23,864	94	30,083	29,752	99	
Feb. 17	23,844	22,484	94	24,722	24,147	98	30,248	27,307	90	
Feb. 24	23,384	23,136	99	24,686	24,393	99	30,009	29,392	98	
Mar. 3	24,043	22,409	93	24,797	24,515	99	30,063	29,916	100	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)							CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)					
		Week Endi	ng		1/			Week Endi	ng			1/
STATE	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	03-Mar	%	27-Jan	03-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	03-Mar	%
Alabama	28,053 *	28,323	28,250 *	28,521	99	20,586	21,082	20,714	20,568	20,374 *	21,304	104
ARKANSAS	29,752	29,225	29,392	29,916	100	24,001	23,584	22,457	22,484	23,136	22,409	93
Delaware	3,976	4,306	4,322 *	3,555	80	5,423	4,982	5,526	4,693	4,232 *	4,905	102
Florida	2,724	2,719	2,554	2,440	86	2,236	2,300	2,183	2,049	2,434	2,353	105
Georgia	30,726 *	30,921 *	31,652 *	32,368	102	24,407	24,213	24,709	24,456	24,539 *	24,216	101
Maryland	8,279	8,590	8,802 *	8,943	100	4,906	5,702	5,050	5,533	5,715 *	5,730	101
Mississippi	18,097	18,167	18,609 *	19,018	107	15,193	15,290	15,261	14,843	14,874 *	15,174	103
N. Carolina	18,243 *	17,760	18,063	18,469	100	13,727	14,658	13,768	13,585	13,999	14,284	109
Pennsylvania	3,344	3,534	3,834 *	3,677	101	2,779	2,694	2,536	2,716	2,882 *	2,554	99
S. Carolina	4,748	4,798	4,930	4,919	100	4,229	4,160	4,067	4,017	3,760	4,044	107
Texas	14,553	14,544	14,663	14,659	100	11,180	11,106	11,218	11,258	11,532	11,415	107
Virginia	6,558	6,607	6,616	6,654	101	5,322	4,758	5,291	5,526	5,387	5,609	111
CATN & W VA	11,371	11,486	11,688 *	11,561	103	9,940	10,255	10,527	9,565	9,481 *	9,976	101
Total 2000-2001	180,424 *	180,980 *	183,375 *	184,700		143,929	144,784	143,307	141,293	142,345 *	143,973	
Total 1999-2000	178,059	178,218	183,373	184,181		145,644	144,326	145,858	143,311	141,374	141,126	
% PREV. YEAR	101	102	100	100		99	100	98	99	101	102	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001						17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	07-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	

^{*} Revised .

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 185 million eggs during the week ending March 3, 2001. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 3, 2001. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 3, 2001 were 1.29 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

^{1/} Current week as percent of the same week last year.